AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously Cancelled).
- 2. (**Currently Amended**) A method for filtering and monitoring web browsing in a multi-level system for a plurality of users <u>operatively connected to the system via a network</u>, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of levels <u>on a server</u> of the system <u>operatively connected to the</u> <u>network</u>, wherein at least one level comprises filtering and monitoring;

establishing at the server a hierarchy for the plurality of levels, wherein the hierarchy defines levels that are above other levels and levels that are below other levels, wherein each level is able to inherit any filtering and monitoring of levels above; and

creating a user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels <u>on</u> the server, wherein the user account controls filtering and monitoring applied to other user accounts associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels.

3. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 2 wherein the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels is able to delegate the filtering and monitoring control of the user account to at least one of the other user accounts associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels.

- 4. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 3 wherein the at least one of the other user accounts to which the filtering and monitoring control of the user account has been delegated is able to delegate as much of the filtering and monitoring control that has been delegated to the at least one of the other user accounts to another of the other user accounts associated with levels at or below the level associated with the at least one of the other user accounts.
- 5. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring are based on a total number of instances that a keyword appears in a webpage.
- 6. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring are based on a list of blocked webpages.
- 7. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring are based on a list of allowed webpages.
- 8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 7 wherein the allowed list is generated by the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels.
- 9. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 7 wherein the allowed list comprises a collection of recognized providers.
- 10. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring are based on a combination of a list of blocked webpages and a list of allowed webpages.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein the filtering and

monitoring are based on a list of allowed webpages; and the at least one of the other user

accounts to which the filtering and monitoring control of the user account has been

delegated is able to remove specific webpages from the list.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and

monitoring are based on a level of blocking appropriate to the other user accounts

associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels.

13. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 12 wherein the level of blocking is

based on a reading level of the other user accounts associated with levels below the at least

one of the plurality of levels and based on a plurality of keywords associated with a

category.

14. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 12 wherein the level of blocking is

based on a reading level of the other user accounts associated with levels below the at least

one of the plurality of levels.

15. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 12 wherein the level of blocking is

based on a plurality of keywords associated with a category.

16. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 15 wherein the plurality of keywords

associated with the category is determined based upon a check of webpages identified as

acceptable.

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17. (Currently Amended) A method for filtering and monitoring web browsing for

content comprising the steps of:

identifying requirements associated with content or data about content, wherein at

least one of the requirements is based on categorization of keywords so as to establish a

first category of information consistent with a particular requirement of a group of users,

wherein the first category is not based on appropriateness, and so as to establish a second

category of information based on appropriateness;

storing data representative of the first and second categories on a server; and

setting a level of filtering and monitoring at the server based on the first and second

categories.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the first category of

information includes information that is not related to the group consisting of sexual

content and violence.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the second category of

information includes information that is not related to one of the group consisting of

racism and ecommerce.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the first category of

information includes information that is related to one of the group consisting of racism

and ecommerce.

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